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TAGS: CASC CPRS CO(WHITE,WILLIAM IRVING AND HENDRICKS,JOHN)

SUBJECT: W/W: WILLIAM IRVING WHITE AND JOHN HENDRICKS

AEROCOMMANDER N 669 SA

LIMA FOR FAA

1. CONOFF HAS RECEIVED REPORTS FROM HAM RADIO OPERATOR IN BARRANQUILLA AND FROM WILLIAM WHITE (CALLING FROM US) OF DOWNED US AIRCRAFT,SURVIVORS OF WHICH ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE COME ASHORE IN LIFE RAFT NEAR SANTA MARTA,COLOMBIA.

2. ON AUGUST 16, LOCAL HAM RADIO OPERATOR TELEPHONED CONOFF TO SAY HE HAD RECEIVED CALL ON HIS RADIO FROM SOMEONE IN VERO BEACH,FLORIDA, WHO REPORTED TWO MEN NAMED HENDRICKS AND WHITE WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE DRIFTED ASHORE NEAR SANTA MARTA,AFTER SURVIVING CRASH OF AIRCRAFT BETWEEN PUERTO RICO AND HAITI. THE AIRCRAFT SUPPOSEDLY LEFT VERO BEACH OR MIAMI ABOUT SIX OR SEVEN DAYS BEFORE. CONOFF EXPLAINED TO CALLER THAT POST
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HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH POLICE OFFICIALS IN SANTA MARTA THAT DAY CONCERNING ANOTHER AMCIT, AND HAD BEEN TOLD NO AMERICANS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY INCIDENTS RECENTLY.

3. AFTERNOON AUGUST 17 ,CONOFF RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM MAN WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS BILL HENDRICKS,BROTHER OF ONE OF TWO MEN BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN IN LIFE RAFT. HE TOLD CONOFF HIS BROTHER,

JOHN HENDRICKS AND WILLIAM IRVING WHITE WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE TAKEN OFF FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, O/A AUGUST 8, WITH DESTINATION SANTA MARTIN HE SAID HIS BROTHER IS PILOT FOR A CORPORATION AND WAS CARRYING A PASSENGER. HE SAID HE WAS FLYING BLUE AND WHITE AEROCOMMANDER, AND LAST THREE FIGURES OF REGISTRATION WERE 9 SA.

4. BILL HENDRICKS TOLD CONOFF HE READ IN VERO BEACH NEWSPAPER THAT THE TWO MEN HAD BEEN PICKED UP OFF COLOMBIAN COAST IN LIFE RAFT. HE ALSO SAID FAA HAS NO RECORD OF FLIGHT PLAN, EITHER AT NASHVILLE OR MIAMI. HE SAID HE COULD BE REACHED AT (305) 569-0155, BUT THAT HE WAS CALLING AT THAT MOMENT FROM A PAY PHONE IN MIAMI.

5. AFTER SPEAKING WITH HENDRICKS, CONOFF WAS TELEPHONED AGAIN BY HAM RADIO OPERATOR WHO HAD ORIGINALLY CALLED ABOUT CASE. HE SAID HE HAD HAD ANOTHER CALL ON HIS RADIO FROM BEN WHO CALLS FROM VERO BEACH, AND WHO SAID HE IS PERSONAL FRIEND OF HENDRICKS AND WHITE AND IS WORRIED ABOUT THEM. THE RADIO OPERATOR SAID HE WOULD LOOK UP BEN'S CALL NUMBER IN HIS LOG AT HOME, AND INFORM CONOFF.

6. POST'S INQUIRIES OF COLOMBIAN POLICE AND AVIATION OFFICIALS HAVE SO FAR PROVED FRUITLESS REGARDING HENDRICKS, WHITE AND AEROCOMMANDER N 669 SA.

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7. FOR PORT AU PRINCE AND NASSAU: PLEASE CHECK WITH LOCAL AVIATION OFFICIALS ABOUT POSSIBLE PRESENCE IN YOUR AREA OF SUBJECT AIRCRAFT DURING LAST WEEK. (MOST PLANES FLYING FROM FLORIDA TO COLOMBIA STOP IN PORT AU PRINCE OR ONE OF BAHAMAS ISLANDS BEFORE ARRIVING HERE.)

8. FOR FAA: PLEASE ADVISE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON SUBJECT AIRCRAFT. FRANK

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